

Classmates shout anti-gay remarks before beating teen

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BATTLEMENT MESA — A 16-year-old boy was severely beaten by three of his classmates — one a 14-year-old — who shouted anti-gay remarks before attacking him, police said.

The boy was at his home with friends Wednesday when teenagers from Grand Valley High School shouted the remarks, then later hit him in the face and

whipped him with a choker chain that left welts, according to police.

One boy was arrested for felony menacing, misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

He is being held at a Garfield juvenile facility, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The other attackers have not been charged, officials said.

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— **Mary Jane Eaklor**
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your own research (granted we won't
know all the pieces, nor should we) and
form your own opinions.

As a district, we need to start healing
and working as a team to educate our
children. We also need to agree it's OK to
disagree. The past few months have torn
apart the district, friends and families. I
shouldn't be forced to choose a side. This
isn't a war zone. This is my community.

— **Amy Herman**
Black Forest

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